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custody possibility, it wouldn't be used in every case, but a possibility of it being used because both parents would agree, however few times it might happen, is worth taking. And I think the law should be changed...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...so that divorce courts would recognize the need for that. I supported the grandparents' rights bill, Ernie opposed it. I supported it because I think part of the family includes mom and dad, and grandma and grandpa. But whatever it is, it's fine. You know there are in-laws that don't get along with the "out-laws", and that's a family dispute. It goes on whether you're divorced or not. What do we do about that? Shouldn't we pass a law saying, hey, we better get involved with this family unit because grandma and grandpa don't get along with the new stepmom, or whatever the case might be. This is silliness. Give the family a chance. Let's give the family a chance by offering joint custody. We haven't done it before, but we ought to start doing it now and give it a shot. I think you'd be surprised how many families can be saved, how many kids can have a better chance at life.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Committee on Judiciary reports LB 989, General File; LB 1008, General File; LB 451, General File with amendments; likewise, LB 921, LB 922, LB 984, LB 1085. Legislative bills by Judiciary reported indefinitely postponed include: LB 160, LB 254, LB 282, LB 316, LB 481, LB 597, LB 598, LB 599, LB 638, LB 699. Mr. President, Natural Resources reports LB 1000 to General File; LB 671 and LB 672 indefinitely postponed. Series of hearing notices from the Natural Resources Committee, from the Urban Affairs Committee, from Health and Human Services, and several reports or hearing notices from the Revenue Committee, all signed by the respective chairs. And finally, Mr. President, a Reference report re-referring certain legislative bills. (Legislative Journal pages 418-422.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the